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Clerk.	Wm. A. Masters
Treasurer.	John Leech
Prosecuting Attorney.	Charles Palmer
Judge of Probate.	Geo. W. Love
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Couriers.	F. E. Thatcher and H. K. Knobbs
SUPERVISORS.	
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Beaver Creek.	John Hanna
Black Forest.	J. J. Coyer
Big Pine.	John Hanna
Frederick.	W. O. Lewis
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MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS.

INCIDENTS THAT HAVE LATELY OCCURRED.

An Interesting Summary of the More Important Deaths of Our Neighbors—Weddings and Deaths—Crimes, Casualties, and General News Notes.

The following Extracts from a letter to the Detroit Free Press, from the Agricultural College at Lansing, will prove interesting, if not useful, to all farmers and horticulturists:

The strawberries of which 370 varieties are fruited here are commencing to ripen in the market, and are as yet the best known noted, about the interest in the studies in that direction increases visibly. Those who inquire may ascertain some of the following facts: The marketable crop of the strawberries is the finest and most beautiful sample of eighty-five acres are in charge of this department, and are kept in order by the juniors and seniors in the department, and three hours' attention. In this way there is a continual knowledge of the best methods of seedling, raising, propagating, and marketing, and cultivating. Strawberries are harvested and largely marketed by students as a part of their regular work. In connection with the experiments made in the United States experimental station whose operations are of considerable interest and importance.

It is ordered here comprises old fashioned varieties, and for specimen trees. There are 330 varieties of apples and about forty each of pears, plums, peaches, cherries, and others, that will be added to the new varieties, and will be added to the collection.

Some of the varieties will be as good as the apple. Trees that have been set out last spring went through the winter without any injury, while trees near them of our common varieties were dead, hurt, and like report of the Michigan College, and the branch station at Grayling, 300 trees were planted this spring of kinds fitted to that dry soil and the winter.

Fruit-growing is being continually imposed upon by new and worthless high-priced plants. While our co-operation the state directors are trying to bring about a bettering of the fruits, before this spring, many of which are named seedlings. Twenty-four plants of each kind are taken, and twelve are grown in hills, and the new varieties are to be added to the collection, and entered in the market.

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

It is not likely that congress will adjourn before the first of September, and it may not then. It has been a good many years since so much important legislation has been crowded into one session. Congress should not adjourn until the work that needs to be done is done. —*Det. Tribune.*

A G. A. R. Post in Brooklyn has resolved that there is only room for one flag in this country. No one has a better right to pass such resolutions than the men who fought in the Union army and only laid down their arms when the other fellows said they would give up their flag and live under the star spangled banner. —*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

When the ex-rebels and copperheads contemplate the pension appropriations they sorrowfully confess that the "lost cause" was frightfully expensive, says the Piqua, O., Dispatch. The patriotic people of the nation also feel that it is expensive, but that the value received is worth more than all it cost. Let the sacred debt be paid. —*Blade.*

A reasonable prediction as to the general results of the census now being taken is that the Eastern cities have gained largely and the Eastern states have lost; that the Middle states will also show a shrinkage; that the Western cities will have gained, but not to such an extent as has been anticipated; but the Western states, especially those west of the Mississippi, have gained far beyond all expectation. —*Blade.*

A tin plate plant has been put in operation at McKeesport, Pa., in anticipation of the passage of the McKinley tariff bill by the Senate. If this enterprise is successful it will soon succeed in rendering the United States independent of a foreign monopoly to which it has for years been paying an annual tribute of upward of twenty million dollars. This prospect will delight the friends of American industry and American labor as much as it will dismay the free traders. —*Blade.*

A law imposing the heaviest penalties on him who goes to any foreign country and hires labor there and imports it into the United States. Not a man upon that side dare vote for the repeal of that statute, and yet you favor a system designed to bring in without restriction and without limit, the products of that identical labor, both of the farm and factory. —*Robert M. La Follette, House of Representatives, May 10, 1860.*

Senator Vest of Missouri never misses an opportunity to denounce our pension laws. If he could have his way the whole pension system would be wiped out at once. How do we account for it? Easy enough—by just quoting from his biography this: "Mr. Vest was a member of the house of representatives of the confederate congress for two years, and a member of the confederate senate for one year." He has no love for the Union soldier and there are many more ex-confederate Democrats in congress who feel just as he does. And these are the men who rule the Democratic party to day, and will rule the government if that party gets into power. —*Detroit Tribune.*

Some weeks ago Mr. George W. Burton of Flushing, sold 40 fleeces of wool shorn from registered Shropshire sheep, the aggregate weight of the fleeces being, unwashed, 384 pounds. This was scoured at the woolen mills, and "cleaned up" 212 pounds of scoured wool of an excellent quality. The wool was shorn from 24 ewes that had raised 33 lambs; eight yearling ewes, seven yearling rams, and one 3 year-old ram. Here are the weights of some of the lambs: One ram lamb at 3 months weighed 101 pounds, another ram at 10 weeks weighed 79 pounds, another at same age 77 pounds, one ewe lamb at three months 93 pounds, a pair of twin ewes at 10 weeks weighed 130 pounds. —*Det. Tribune.*

Lansing, June 29.—The weather conditions of the past week have been very favorable to all crops, and the corn and oats have made rapid advances. The wheat is heading out rapidly and turning yellow, and harvesting will probably begin in the southern section in about 10 days. Hay cutting is progressing in most sections. The hay is reported to be of fine quality. Although a few sections would be benefited by more rain, yet, as a rule, the local rains of the week before did much to keep the soil in good condition to make the crops grow at a rapid rate, and no complaints have been received. In the late planted corn the cut worms are doing considerable damage, and some few fields have been re-planted.

WASHINGTON LETTER

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 27.—'90.

This has been an important week in the House, and one long to be remembered. After an unusually exciting time over the Senate free coinage amendment to the silver bill the House by a vote of 135 to 131 refused its concurrence to that amendment, and asked for a conference on the bill.

Had the democrats voted solidly in favor of free coinage, as they did last week, the amendment would have been accepted; but, in addition to a number who abstained themselves

when the vote was taken, there was a respectable number that voted against the amendments, more than enough to offset the republicans who voted for it.

As soon as the silver bill was out of the way the House took up the Federal election bill, and the exciting fight over that measure is now in full swing.

The present programme is to debate the bill until next Wednesday when a vote will be taken. The bill will pass the House, unless something now unforeseen occurs to change the sentiments of a large number of republicans; but those best posted on legislative probabilities say that it will not pass the Senate at this session, even if it is taken up by that body, which is extremely doubtful.

The President threw a little bombshell in to the House this week by telling several republican members that if the House accepted the Senate amendments adding more than \$4,000,000 to the River and Harbor bill, which carried nearly \$21,000,000, as passed by the House, he would feel compelled to veto the bill. Quite a number of people believe that he intends to veto the bill anyway.

Mr. Blaine's idea of an amendment to the McKinley tariff bill providing for reciprocity with the South and Central American countries continues to be an absorbing topic of conversation, in spite of the important happenings of the week. It is strongly favored by the President, and is gaining ground very rapidly in Congress and unless all surface indications are at fault, the Senate will certainly adopt it, and it will have an excellent chance of passing the House also. The more it is discussed the more friendly it makes; promises to afford relief not only to the overstocked manufacturer, but also to the great agricultural interests of the country by enlarging the market for our products. It is by no means a new idea with Mr. Blaine; it is only the legitimate outcome of the plans he the late President Garfield, and which would have been carried out under that administration had not the assassin shot Gen. Garfield.

Senator Manderson has made a strong report to the Senate—which bears out the statement several times reiterated in this correspondence as to the terrible condition of the old rat trap used for the Government Printing office, the largest establishment of its kind in the world. Senator Manderson says, the only remedy is the construction for the use of this office of a fire proof building. Ground may at this time easily be obtained in the immediate vicinity of the present office, but unless Congress shall act promptly in securing it private enterprise will get ahead of it, by purchasing the ground for other purposes.

The long investigation by a Senate Committee of the dressed meat traffic, which took place last year, has borne fruit; and the Senate Committee on Agriculture has favorably reported a bill to provide for the inspection of all live stock about to be slaughtered intended for human consumption in any state or territory other than where slaughtered, or for exportation.

The House bill authorizing oaths to be taken on paper to be administered by any official authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, has been favorably reported to the Senate.

Senator Ingalls hit the nail square on the head, as he usually does, when he said that Senator Call of Florida had not only grossly violated and abused the privileges of the Senate, but had deliberately falsified the record in filling fourteen pages of that publication with a personal statement defending himself from an attack made upon him by a citizen of Florida.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say advertised.

3w. ANDREW J. LOVE.

Additional Locals.

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Dr. Wagner, will be held at the Presbyterian church, next Sunday evening.

Dr. C. P. Stone, of Ann Arbor has opened a dental office, in the rooms adjoining Thatcher's Drug-Store, and is prepared to perform all surgical or mechanical dentistry in modern methods and at reasonable prices.

Rev. A. G. Kay, his Presbyterian followers and the community in general are quite rejoiced over the result of the meeting of a portion of the Presbytery at the Lake Shore church this week. The pastor was clearly exonerated from the charges made. —*Local Gazette.*

I. M. Sibley, who has been suffering from an attack of dyspepsia is recovering. His son Fred has also been suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia but has so far recovered as to be out. Dr. Eves is the attending physician. —*Local News.*

John Killian was brought in from Pack & Woods camp this morning, having met with an accident. While chopping down a tree, in falling it struck his right foot was caught between a log and the butt, smashing the little toe. Dr. Revell was called and dressed the wounded member. —*Local News.*

That reckless, fly-by-night town of Petoskey in Oscoda county, will soon be moved, "turkey" and all, away from the pine barrens and into the section of the upper end of the county and promises to build \$3,000 worth of public buildings to get the county seat away from lonely Alpena. —*Local News.*

Jack Belden came in from Lurerne on Tuesday and brought 700 pounds of wool for one of his neighbors. Mr. Belden informs us that from 18 sheep they shipped 1853 pounds, an average of over 10 pounds to the head. The wool was sent to Vassar. Sheep raising growing in favor in this section. —*Local News.*

A louse is a small animal, but aggravating. In a school district in Center Plains, one has caused a heap of trouble, disturbing the equanimity of an entire neighborhood and making a row in school, the complaint was made, and a woman arrested and brought here for trial. A jury was impaneled, a cloud of witnesses present, but the court sustained a motion made by counsel for the defendant on a technical point and dismissed the cause.

June Weather.

The weather for the month was all that could be desired by the agricul- turist, being warm and with sufficient rain, though the seven days before the 1st were exceptionally hot, the mercury being 92°.

Rain fell on ten days and five nights aggregating over three inches of precipitation. Highest temperature, one lowest 42° the morning of the 20th.

Fourth of July.

As there will be no celebration in Grayling, I have arranged to accommodate everybody on that day with Boats, for riding on the Lake, TABLES for PICNIC PARTIES, ICE CREAM and refreshments. I have a good dancing floor and will have GOOD MUSIC and every attention will be paid to guests. Come out to School Section Lake and enjoy yourselves.

3w. ANDREW J. LOVE.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Grayling, for the week ending June 28: '90: Aldrich, May Callison, Robert Allen, Wm. J. Ellis, John Brown, Edward Kenna, John M. C. Bertain, Joseph Muller, F. C. Cardinat, Isle Thalize, Francis Colburn, H. E. Woodford, C. H. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say advertised.

J. M. JONES, P. M.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for CUTS, BRUISES, SORES, ULCERS, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by H. C. THATCHER.

Electric Bitters.

This is what you ought to have, in fact, you must have it, to fully enjoy life. Thousands are searching for it daily, and mourning because they find it not. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are spent annually by our people in the hope that they may attain this boon. And yet it may be had by all. We guarantee that Electric Bitters, if used according to directions and the use persisted in, will bring you Good Digestion and oust the demon Dyspepsia and install instead Eupopsys. We recommend Electric Bitters for Dyspepsia and all diseases of Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Sold at 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle by H. C. THATCHER, Druggist.

A Scrap of Paper Saves Her Life.

It was just an ordinary scrap of wrapping paper, but it saved her life. She was in the last stages of consumption, told by physicians that she was incurable and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped her more, bought another and grew better fast, continued its use and is now strong, healthy, rosy plump, weighing 130 pounds. For fuller particulars send stamp to W. H. Cole, Druggist, Fort Smith, Trial bottles of this wonderful Discovery free, at H. C. THATCHER's Drug Store. 4

The wool crop about Lexington has all been sold, and was never as large as it was this year. The receipts were 130,000 pounds, which put \$32,000 into the farmers' pockets. —*Local News.*

EVERYBODY IS \$5,000 WANTED.

CORDIALLY INVITED

to call at once and examine our Mammoth Stock of SUMMER GOODS, which have been purchased

with a full knowledge

of the wants of this community,

and a determination that all shall be

MADE * PERFECTLY * HAPPY, *

who patronize us.

We shall handle only First Class Goods, and will sell them on as close a margin as is consistent with safe business. It is useless to quote prices

here, but if you will call at

THE STORE

of the undersigned, you will

find our DRY GOODS department

full of the most seasonable goods and

latest novelties.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT IS

fully supplied with everything in that line, fresh and pure; our CLOTHING, equal to any in

NORTHERN MICHIGAN,

and our BOOTS and SHOES

second to NONE, and a full line of

LUMBERMEN'S SUPPLIES. IN OUR

store-rooms, all at rock-bottom prices.

THE MICHELSON & HANSON LUMBER CO.

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

DO NOT FORGET THIS!

When you are in need of anything in

the line of

Drugs, Medicines, School Supplies, Sta-

tionery or

TOILET ARTICLES.

It will Pay you to Call

and see me at the CORNER DRUG STORE.

#PHYSICIANS#PRESCRIPTIONS#CAREFULLY#COMPOUNDED#

L. FOURNIER,

Grayling, Michigan.

TO THE PEOPLE OF

GRAYLING AND VICINITY.

We would respectfully call your attention to the

fact that we are constantly receiving our new stock

OF

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,

and that we now have

a full line of the latest patterns and shades of PRINTS, GINGHAMS, BROADHEADS, FLANNELETS, HENRIETTAS and MOHAIRS, that we are offering at prices that

defy competitors. We also have a full line of

LADIES', MISSES', AND CHILDREN'S SHOES; WALKING SHOES

and SLIPPERS of the most popular makes.

In Clothing, Hats, Caps and Gent's. Furnishing Goods we are the

Headquarters, and are giving the lowest possible prices. Our stock of

GROCERIES is complete, and we

have on hand a supply of FRESH EGGS and the choicest of DAIRY

BUTTER.

Thanking you for past favors, we still solicit a continuance of your patronage and in return guarantee you satisfactory prices and goods of the

best quality.

LYON & CONNER,

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

The question is how can I raise the above amount? The answer to this seems to be To reduce the price on all my Goods to such a figure that people cannot afford to let the opportunity pass by without purchasing a good supply of everything they need at present, or later on, in my line of Goods.

GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE:

Fine bleached Cottons, former price 8 cents, 6 cents.

Good Linen Cloth, 5 cents.

7-8 Satines, former price 12½ cents, now 10 cents.

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The Avalanche.

J. C. HANSON, Local Editor.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1890.

LOCAL ITEMS.

For pencils and tablets for school uses, go to H. C. Thatcher's.

W. H. Sherman of Maple Forest was in town last Monday.

Straw Hats in latest styles, at the Pioneer Store.

The Senate has passed the bill for the admission of Idaho.

H. C. Thatcher has put in a fine stock of stationery.

Carl Mickelson spent a day with friends here, last week.

Ladies', Misses and Childrens' jersey waists at S. H. & Co's.

Miss Kate Mattison took the early train for home last Friday.

O. J. Bell has a \$2.00 ladies' shoe that he warrants to give good satisfaction.

Mrs. J. Patterson is visiting at her old home in Brighton.

Japan Duckwheat for sale at S. H. & Co.

Geo. L. Alexander Esq., is in Muskegon on legal business, this week.

Pure drugs and medicines, carefully compounded at Thatcher's drug store.

C. W. Wight has opened a new restaurant in the old market. It looks inviting.

Do not forget that S. H. & Co. keeps a full line of Mens, Boys and Childrens' clothing.

The roof is completed on the opera house, and it will soon be made ready for occupancy.

Silver Leaf Flour. The best in town. For sale by Lyon & Connor.

A small army of workmen are at work on R. Hanson's residence. The frame work is nearly up.

For the finest cigar in the city, go to the Drug Store of W. C. Thatcher.

Will Masters, Er. Bell and Solon Holbrook are down the Au Sable fishing this week.

Buy your drugs and medicines of L. Fournier, registered pharmacist.

Mrs. D. B. Connor has had the pleasure of entertaining her father this week.

For stationery, pencils, tablets, etc., go to H. C. Thatcher's drug store.

O. J. Bell returned from the U. P. mines yesterday. He reports business in that region all solid.

Do not forget that S. H. & Co. receives fresh vegetables and canned fruit three times a week.

Neil Patton of Frederic took home one of the Royal Bay Rakes, yesterday. He must have the best.

Call at H. C. Thatcher's, next door to the bank, and see his stock of stationery.

Miss Bessie Mickelson and Mary Jorgensen, started for Bay View, this morning.

Drink Soda Water flavored with genuine fruit juices and keep cool. At Fournier's drug store.

Mrs. L. Jenson was down from Osgo Lake to attend the commencement exercises.

Bell has a few broken doz. of Ladies Shoes, that he will close out at cost.

Archie House of Maple Forest, is building a new house and soon will have it completed.

Buy \$25.00 dollars worth of Merchandise and get a Webster Dictionary at S. H. & Co's.

Uncle Jerry Sherman, of Maple Forest, has a fine cow, which came in seven years ago, and now gives 24 quarts of milk per day.

Thirty-five Dollars will buy a prime four year old cow. Will be fresh in a few days. F. R. DICKROW.

H. Funic, of South Branch, was in town last Friday, and reports crops growing nicely and that he will have apples, peaches, pears and grapes.

Experienced and Registered Pharmacists on hand day and night to attend to the wants of my patrons, L. Fournier.

McGee broke camp last Saturday night. He was running Blodgett & Byrnes camp No 8, and will probably start again within two weeks.

Don't fail to examine that new issue of Ladies' and Gents' fine shoes at O. J. Bell's, before purchasing elsewhere.

Salling, Hanson & Co., come out with a new ad. this week, which speaks for itself. Read it and go and see them.

None but the purest drugs and chemicals used in dispensing. Physic plans prescriptions, and family recipes, at the lowest prices, L. Fournier.

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From the talk about town it looks as though everybody was going to School Section Lake tomorrow to enjoy a cool day. Love has arranged to accommodate the crowd.

A lad named Johnson was taking edgings from the saw, in the mill, Monday, and carelessly leaned on to the saw, receiving a long gash in the left side, narrowly escaping a fatal injury.

Dr. E. M. Roffe, of Clyde, N. Y., arrived here Tuesday evening to look over his property here. We are not yet informed whether he will do any building here this year or not.

Geo. F. Owen put down a tubular well for H. Funk, of South Branch, 160 feet deep, and erected a wind mill, so that he neither pumps or carries his water as in days gone by.

Misses Partridge and Bailey took the noon train Friday, for their respective homes. A host of their pupils at the train exhibited the love they had won.

Prof. W. F. Benkelman is engaged in a summer normal, at Caseville, which is conceded to be one of the best in the state. His ability as an instructor will add to the popularity of the school.

Jud Metz, who is running the store for Lyon and Connor, in Oscoda Co., came out Saturday for a visit at the old home in Lapeer Co. and Detroit.

Ewell Millikin has gone from the store here to take his place for the time.

Capt. L. J. Patterson and Frank Crego, of Wagner camp S. of V. were delegates to the state encampment at Lansing this week. Captain Patterson will visit at Cassopolis before he returns.

Miss Nora Masters reached home last week from Hillsdale College, in time for the commencement exercises here. She brought with her a number of beautiful pictures, which she has completed the past term. Her artistic ability is evident.

The Whittemore Argus says that copper ore is being found in that vicinity every day. It is expected that there is a rich vein in that neighborhood. It is to be hoped there is and that there is a glorious future in store for that place.—Ros. News.

There was a saloon row at Atlanta last Monday night, and William Churchill shot and killed James Lapham. The murderer was arrested, but he is still so thoroughly under the effects of liquor that he doesn't realize his crime.

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The Avalanche is in receipt of the Eleventh Annual Report of the Secretary of State, of the State of Michigan, relating to Farms and Farm Products for 1888-9, for which Secretary of State Osman will please accept our thanks.

The pupils in the intermediate department of our school, learning that Miss Partridge was not to return, gave her a genuine and pleasant surprise on Thursday, in the shape of a number of beautiful presents, expressive of their love for the teacher who had faithfully labored for and with them the past two years.

The reception tendered the graduating class, by the class of '92, at the residence of N. Michelson last Thursday evening, was largely attended and must have been gratifying to the members of the class. The house and grounds were brilliantly lighted and happy hearts made merry till past the noon of night. It was an occasion long to be remembered.

Arrangements for the annual reunion of the Soldiers and Sailors Association of Northern Michigan, to be held in Grayling, Aug. 19-21, are being perfected and it is confidently expected that this will be one of the most pleasant ever held. It will cost our citizens a heap of money and a great deal of work, but the people here have never been found wanting in liberality and we trust will meet the Socializing Committee with most generous subscriptions.

The grade promotion exercises held at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening, last week, were fine and reflected great credit on both teachers and pupils. The large number of citizens present were highly pleased with the manner in which all performed their several parts and came away convinced that the high reputation which has been gained by our school, has retained for the past year its mark of excellence. We have not space to go through the program and particulars and must needs be content in saying that all did well.

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Commencement.

The second commencement exercises of Grayling High School, at the M. E. church, last Thursday evening, were such as give a feeling of just pride to every citizen who is at all interested in the education of our youth.

The church was crowded when the exercises were opened by a grand anthem, finely rendered, and prayer by Rev. R. S. C. Sinclair.

The Salutatory oration following, by Eugene Thayer, was rendered in a pleasing manner, his subject "Grasp All, Lose All," being handled in a masterful way.

The essays, "Discipline of Experience," by Miss Mary Mantz; "Education Means Work," by Miss Haven; "Power of Influence," by Emma Hanson; and "Cobwebs" by Bessie Mickelson; exhibited great care in their preparation, and proved that each of the fair had given her subject special thought. At the close of her essay, Miss Mickelson gave the valedictory, which was eminently practical and urged all to continue in higher work with "no footstep backward."

The entire exercises were interspersed with the finest selections of appropriate music, and we repeat an assertion often made by us, that the musical talent of Grayling is far above the average.

A brief but pleasant and forcible class address which was worthy of being cherished in the memory of each, by Rev. O. E. Hill, was followed by the presentation of diplomas by P. Manwairen, the director, who congratulated the members of the class on their general proficiency and the individual excellence, of their work, and wished them all continued success in life.

This regular program was broken on one time by Eugene Thayer quietly stepping forward and with impressive manner and well chosen words presenting a fine album to Prof. Benkelman, who was so taken by surprise that like the Irishman he was "knocked speechless." It was given by the class as a slight token of their personal regard for the professor.

A good school in any community

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and the school of Grayling will compare favorably with any in the state.

The National Loan and Investment Association of Detroit has interested a number of our best citizens in its business and on Friday of last week the stockholders of this place met at the office of Geo. L. Alexander, organized a local board and elected the following officers: Pres., Nels. Michelson;

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This Association offers exceptionally good opportunities to those who desire to borrow money with which to make themselves a home and also to those who desire to invest money in small sums paid in monthly payments in a safe and good paying investment.

Mr. Alexander the Secy. and Atty. will be glad to give information and particulars to all desiring the same.

Notice.

Parties desiring ice cream or sweet cream from one quart up, will be accommodated by leaving their orders at either drug store, before 8 o'clock the previous evening.

A. J. LOVE.

"We doubt if there is another paper in Michigan whose editor is so lost to all sense of decency or knows so little about courtesy as to indulge in such criticisms."

The above is from the columns of the Democrat, whose courtesy in the past has consisted in replying to articles in the Avalanche, and making himself so familiar as to refer to the supposed author by name, which is never done by an editor who knows anything about courtesy or of the business which he is conducting.

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